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- (a) To prevent deception in the sale of frozen desserts and to safeguard the health and welfare of consumers, the Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations that:
- (1) Provide definitions and set standards of identity for frozen desserts and the mixes used in the manufacture of frozen desserts;
- (2) Set packaging, labeling, and sanitary requirements for frozen desserts; and
- (3) Govern any other condition that relates to the manufacture, processing, distribution, or sale of frozen desserts, whether manufactured or processed in a regular manufacturing plant, in a counter freezer, or otherwise.
- (b) So far as practicable, the Secretary may conform any rule or regulation adopted under this subtitle to the rules and regulations adopted under the federal act.
- (c) (1) The Secretary may not adopt a rule or regulation under this section unless the requirements of this subsection and the Administrative Procedure Act are met.
- (2) A public hearing shall be held on any rule or regulation that the Secretary considers under this section. Based on the record of the hearing, the Secretary shall issue a proposed decision on the rule or regulation.
- (3) The Secretary shall provide any interested party an opportunity to file exceptions to the proposed decision based on the hearing record.
- (4) When issuing a final decision regarding a rule or regulation, the Secretary also shall:
- (i) Rule on any exception to the Secretary's proposed decision; and
 - (ii) State the reasons for the ruling.

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